# Chevy Chase Village Building & Tree Removal Permits

Permits Issued- September 2012

#### **Building Permits**

Permit #	Address	Type of Work
6223	6 East Melrose Street	Replace wood fence measuring 36" in height and located 5' from the public sidewalk in East Melrose Street public right-of-way.
6215	Throughout CCV	WSSC replacement/relocation of 7,500 lin. ft of water mains.

#### **Tree Removal Permits**

Permit #	Address	Type of Tree	Reason for Removal
2027	10 East Lenox Street	(1) Norway Maple	Has been topped; decay present; hazardous.
2026	209 Primrose Street	(1) Cherry; (1) White Oak	Poor cond. & too close to house; crack in trunk- hazardous.
2025	5900 Connecticut Ave.	(1) American Elm; (1) Cedar	Dead; co-dominant leaders; hazardous.
2024	3933 Oliver Street	(5) Leland Cypress	Cracks in trunks; too close to house; hazardous
2023	5503 Grove Street	(1) American Beech	Crack in upper trunk; hazardous.
2022	4109 Oliver Sreet	(3) Leland Cypress	Sparse foliage.
2021	16 Primrose Street	(1) Magnolia	Largely dead.
2020-	5910 Cedar Parkway	(1) Ornamental Pear;	Dead;
amended		(1) Norway Spruce	Too close to house.
2020	5910 Cedar Parkway	(1) Ornamental Pear	Dead.

### **Expiring Permit Notices Mailed on October 3, 2012**

Permit #	Address	Type of Work
6018	8 Grafton Street	Install a grass paver parking pad.
6017	8 Grafton Street	Install a wood fence with a pair of gates.
6016	8 Grafton Street	Modify an existing deck.
6014	4007 Oliver Street	Replace a flagstone walkway with a brick walkway in the same location.
6006	21 Quincy Street	Re-roof existing one-story addition.

## **Chevy Chase Village**

### Permitting and Code Enforcement Activity September 2012

Telephone Queries: +/-90

Walk-Ins: +/- 50

Pre-Design Review Meetings: 2

Municipality Letters (issued to the County for new projects): 6

<u>Administrative Building Permits Issued:</u> 2 Building; 2 Dumpster; 3 Courtesy; 1 Portable Storage Unit Licenses to Use the Public Right-of-Way: 1

<u>Appeals:</u> Two appeal cases were prepared this month; one was a continuance from the previous month and one was a rescheduling of a case postponed from last month.

Administrative Appeals: 0

Enforcement Incidents: Routine code enforcement patrols and site inspections of construction projects were conducted; several commercial signs were removed; one unlicensed portable storage unit was placed and the resident's agent subsequently obtained the applicable permit; two porta-johns required calls regarding screening; one resident was installing plantings in the right-of-way without the applicable permit and is now in the process of obtaining the applicable permit and the right-of-way license. No citations were issued this month.

<u>Tree Requests:</u> 12 tree inspections or tree preservation plans related to building projects were requested. <u>Administrative Tree Removal Permits:</u> 9 permits were issued for removal of a total of seventeen (17) trees.

<u>Tree Ordinance Board:</u> There are no active tree removal appeals at this time.

**Expired Permit Memos Sent: 5** 

Last month Village Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator Ellen Sands attended a seminar on new Executive Regulations concerning "adopting the 2012 ICC Codes, significant code changes from previous editions, affected policies and procedures, and code interpretations". There were two categories of changes: International Residential Code (IRC) changes and local amendments. While not everything was relevant to permitting concerns here in the Village, it was helpful to hear the County permitting issues and how the Code is being adapted to address them. Some notes relevant to permitting concerns in the Village:

- In the definitions section (R202) of the IRC, the County has deleted the term "Lodging House" and the phrase "for living" from the zoning. This will be relevant in the future revisions to accessory building provisions.
- In response to incidents of unauthorized in-the-field modifications to approved plans, DPS inspectors are endeavoring to be more thorough in conducting close-out inspections. (There are currently eleven inspections required for residential additions, including the close out inspection. A civil fine of \$500 may be issued for non-compliance.)
- In response to concerns about safety, regulations have been implemented and DPS inspectors will more closely monitor roof-top solar panel installations.
- There have been some updates to drainage plan requirements and window well installations will now require drainage accommodations. This may be important here in the Village where stormwater run off is frequently a problem.
- As construction technologies advance, the code is evolving concerning (among other items) whole
  house ventilation requirements; fire suppression; safety glazing; carbon monoxide detection and
  smoke alarm wiring.
- Beginning October 15, 2012, DPS will require electronic versions of plan submittals before permits will be issued as well as an email address on permit applications; email will be the primary method of communication with applicants.

As the staff liaison to the ad hoc Building Code Review Committee, I will continue to monitor developments that might impact our current review of the Village's Building Code.

-compiled by Ellen Sands, Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator